



FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of:
ALTERED LEVEL of CONSCIOUSNESS

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the patient with an altered level of consciousness of unknown etiology.

Procedure

1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed.
2. Consider trauma and perform spinal immobilization if suspected.
3. Assess perfusion and monitor for dysrhythmias.
4. Establish IV of **0.9%NaCL** and perform glucose test, obtain blood sample for toxicology.
5. Administer **Thiamine HCl** (Vitamin B1) 100mg slow IVP or IM prior to administration of D-50 if suspected alcoholism or other forms of malnutrition.
6. For blood glucose levels < 60mg/dL administer 25 grams of **Dextrose 50%**.
7. Consider administering **Naloxone HCl** (Narcan) 1-2mg IV, IM, SQ, or ET. Be aware of possible combative behavior post administration.
8. Check rectal temperature and institute appropriate thermoregulation techniques as indicated (see Hyperthermia/Hypothermia Protocols).
9. Consider 12 Lead ECG.
10. Rapid, safe transportation to nearest facility.
11. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
12. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

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